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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR COMMUNICATING SS7 MESSAGES OVER
PACKET-BASED NETWORK USING TRANSPORT ADAPTER LAYER
INTERFACE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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This is responsive to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated December 30, 2003, having a 1-month term for Response that expired on January 30, 2004. A petition for a 1-month Extension of Time extending the deadline for responding to the Restriction/Election Requirement up to and including February 29, 2004 is attached hereto. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Election and Remarks.

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RESTRICTION PRESENTED

The claims have been restricted into the following groups of inventions:

<u>Groups</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>
I	1-22, 44-65 and 87-91	Drawn to conversion between signaling protocols, classified in class 370, subclass 467
II	23-29 and 66-72	Drawn to determination of communication parameters, classified in class 370, subclass 252
III	30-36 and 73-79	Drawn to Computer-to-computer session/connection establishing, classified in class 709, subclass 227
IV	37-43 and 80-86	Drawn to Assembly or disassembly of messages having address headers, classified in class 370, subclass 474

APPLICANTS' ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-22, 44-65 and 87-91, drawn to conversion between signaling protocols, classified in class 370, subclass 467, for prosecution at this time. Accordingly, Applicants hereby cancel non-elected claims 23-43 and 66-86, while reserving the right to file related application(s) based on claims 23-43 and 66-86.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the subject U.S. Patent Application as indicated on the following sheets: